

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A mirror device for a vehicle, comprising:

a hollow shaft that is provided with a mirror base fixed to a vehicle body;

a housing which houses a motor for swinging a mirror unit between a use position and a fold position and is turnably supported by the shaft penetrating the housing; and

a cover for covering the housing to thereby seal an inside of the housing,

wherein the cover includes a cylindrical portion which extends in an axial direction of the shaft and engages with an outer surface of the shaft when the shaft is inserted into the housing and an end portion cover which extends in a first direction substantially perpendicular to the axial direction of the shaft and has a first end at a tip of the cylindrical portion and a second end at a point covering a penetration end surface of the shaft,

the cylindrical portion is rotatable relative to the shaft in such a manner as to be in contact with the shaft,

the end portion cover and the penetration end surface are configured to define a space therebetween in the axial direction of the shaft, in such a manner as to be free from contact therebetween, and

the first end and second end of the end portion cover are aligned on a line substantially parallel to the axial direction of the shaft, and

the tip of the cylindrical portion is inclined toward the shaft in a free state.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Withdrawn) The mirror device for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein an O-ring is interposed between the cylindrical portion and the shaft.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The mirror device for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the end portion cover is a part of the cover that covers the motor disposed on the housing along the axial direction of the shaft.

6. (Previously Presented) The mirror device for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the shaft defines an inner cylindrical face which extends to the penetration end surface of the shaft.

7. (Currently Amended) A mirror device for a vehicle, comprising:

a hollow shaft that is provided with a mirror base fixed to a vehicle body;

a housing which houses a motor for swinging a mirror unit between a use position and a fold position and is turnably supported by the shaft penetrating the housing; and

a cover for covering the housing to thereby seal an inside of the housing,

wherein the cover includes a cylindrical portion which extends in an axial direction of the shaft and engages with an outer surface of the shaft when the shaft is inserted into the housing and an end portion cover which extends in a first direction substantially perpendicular to the axial direction of the shaft and has a first end at a tip of the cylindrical portion and a second end at a point covering a penetration end surface of the shaft,

the cylindrical portion and the end portion cover form substantially an L-shape in cross section,

the end portion cover and the penetration end surface are configured to define a space therebetween in the axial direction of the shaft, in such a manner as to be free from a contact therebetween, ~~and~~

the first end and second end of the end portion cover are aligned on a line substantially parallel to the axial direction of the shaft, and

the tip of the cylindrical portion is inclined toward the shaft in a free state.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A mirror device for a vehicle, comprising:

a hollow shaft that is provided with a mirror base fixed to a vehicle body;

a housing which houses a motor for swinging a mirror unit between a use position and a fold position and is turnably supported by the shaft penetrating the housing; and

a cover for covering the housing to thereby seal an inside of the housing,

wherein the cover includes a cylindrical portion which extends in an axial direction of the shaft and engages with an outer surface of the shaft when the shaft is inserted into the housing and an end portion cover which extends in a first direction substantially perpendicular to the axial direction of the shaft and has a first end at a tip of the cylindrical portion and a second end at a point covering a penetration end surface of the shaft,

the shaft defines an inner cylindrical face which extends to the penetration end surface of the shaft, the end portion cover extends in the first direction more inwardly than the inner cylindrical face of the shaft,

the end portion cover and the penetration end surface are configured to define a space therebetween in the axial direction of the shaft, in such a manner as to be free from a contact therebetween, ~~and~~

the first end and second end of the end portion cover are aligned on a line substantially parallel to the axial direction of the shaft, and
the tip of the cylindrical portion is inclined toward the shaft in a free state.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The mirror device for a vehicle according to claim 7, wherein the cylindrical portion is rotatable relative to the shaft in such a manner as to be in contact with the shaft.

12. (Previously Presented) The mirror device for a vehicle according to claim 7, wherein the end portion cover is a part of the cover that covers the motor disposed on the housing along the axial direction of the shaft.

13. (Previously Presented) The mirror device for a vehicle according to claim 7, wherein the shaft defines an inner cylindrical face which extends to the penetration end surface of the shaft.

14. (Previously Presented) The mirror device for the vehicle according to claim 7, wherein the end portion cover extends in the first direction more inwardly than an inner cylindrical face of the shaft.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The mirror device for a vehicle according to claim 9, wherein the cylindrical portion is rotatable relative to the shaft in such a manner as to be in contact with the shaft.

17. (Previously Presented) The mirror device for a vehicle according to claim 9, wherein the end portion cover is a part of the cover that covers the motor disposed on the housing along the axial direction of the shaft.

18. (Previously Presented) The mirror device for a vehicle according to claim 9, wherein the cylindrical portion and the end portion cover form substantially an L-shape in cross section.